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## EARLY DAYS OF TRINITY COLLEGE, HARTFORD

According to the Christian Register, XI (Boston, 1832), p. 163, Episcopal Clergy in Connecticut tithed annually in order to create funds for the education of poor students at Trinity. Witness the following notice: "EPISCOPAL COLLEGE. At a meeting of the Episcopal clergy of Fairfield county, Conn., it was resolved that each Clergyman should endeavor to raise an annual sum, equal to one tenth of his salary, to be appropriated to the support of indigent young men at Hartford i.e., Trinity College."

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et Clero, quam et Populo Testibus idoneis Samuellem  
que jam decoratum, ac Nobis pro Vita integritate Moru  
legendum aptum et idoneum, ad sacrum et subversum  
et Morum et Siles Ecclesia Scoticae. Consecrasse Die  
Millesimo, septingentesimo octagesimo quarta. In cujus rei  
as munib; sigilla nostra apponi mandavimus

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ius Episcopus.

annes Skinner Episcopus.





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Episcopatus Ordinem promovisse, et rite ac canonice secundu  
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Testimonium, Instrumento huius (Chirographis nostris, per

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The Rev. Samuel Seabury's certificate of Consecration  
as Bishop at Aberdeen, November 14, 1784. (One of the  
documents recently discovered at the General Theological  
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The Houghton Library at Harvard is now the repository of the rich correspondence and papers of the American Board for Foreign Missions. The Episcopal Church had interesting connections with that Board during the first half of the last century, and this important corner of Church history remains to be adequately explored. For an introduction to the papers one should consult Mary Walker, "The Archives of the American Board for Foreign Missions," Harvard Library Bulletin, VI (1952--1953), no. 1, pp. 52-68.

Anglican troubles with the Congregationalists are reflected in an important early article; "Original Paper respecting the Episcopal Controversy in Connecticut (1722)," Mass. Historical Society Collections, 2nd ser., IV (ptd. 1816, rptd. 1846), pp. 297-301. Publishes a letter signed by John Davenport and S. Buckingham, dated Stamford, Sept. 25, 1722, addressed to Increase Mather and Cotton Mather.

On the same subject; "Some Original Papers Respecting the Episcopal Controversy in Connecticut (1722)," Mass. Historical Society Collections, 2nd ser., III (ptd. 1814, rptd. 1846), pp. 128-140. Discusses the upheaval at Yale involving Timothy Cutler, John Hart, Samuel Wittelsy, Jared Elliott, James Wetmore, Samuel Johnson, and Daniel Brown. Reprints many letters between Connecticut and Boston.

Dr. Niels H. Sonne, Librarian of the General Theological Seminary, reports the following in the Bulletin for May, 1952 (XXXVIII, no. 3):



Pohick Church



Work on the William Jones Seabury library, left to the Seminary thirty-five years ago, continues. A special exhibition of items from this collection and older Seabury holdings was made in March, with a widely used news release. There will be an exhibition of books from this collection, with a special issue of the library's new book list containing the story of the legacy, at commencement time.

The most interesting recent gift to the library is a collection of seven letters written during the years 1822 to 1824 from John Pintard to Samuel Farmar Jarvis, the first professor of the seminary. These letters deal with Seminary affairs and were written to Jarvis after he had left the faculty. The library staff has recently re-organized the manuscript files and these documents make an informative contribution to our knowledge of the first days of GTS. The librarian solicits similar gifts of papers which throw light on the history of the Seminary from friends who may own them. The commencement exhibition in our show cases will be devoted to the early history of the Seminary.



